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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Acting National Intelligence Officer at Large

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SUBJECT:

Visit By Ambassador Stoessel, Chairman of
the Chemical Warfare Review Commission

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2. On 13 March 1985, I coordinated an Intelligence Community briefing for the Commission covering Soviet CW production and stockpile, delivery and protective capabilities, force structure, training, R&D, and policy and doctrine. We also covered instances of Soviet CW use and the issue of CW proliferation. I wrote a memo to you recently on the reactions to this briefing

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3. The Ambassador and several members of the Commission have more recently visited Europe to study first hand the CW issue from the point of view of our European-based forces and our NATO allies.

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4. The Commission's original target date for a report was 1 April. This was not a realistic possibility and the new target date is evidently now 1 June. I also understand that Commission members plan to testify before Congress in late April as part of the Defense Appropriations debate. [REDACTED]

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5. As background I am attaching at Tab D the text of my opening statement at the 13 March briefing. This summarizes the Community view on CW deterrence and related topics. [REDACTED]

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Attachments:

- Tab A - Chemical Warfare Review Commission Members
- Tab B - Memo to DCI from NIO/AL (DL), NIC 01481-85, 18 March 1985
- Tab C - Cable from AmEmbassy Bonn, 27 March 1985 (page 1)
- Tab D - Opening Statement by NIO/AL (DL) for CW Review Commission,
13 March 1985 [REDACTED]

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